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From: Geis, Cindy
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2011 7:19 AM
To: Thompson, Michael
Subject: FW: Birchwood

FYI

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From: Kevin Corbid [mailto:Kevin.Corbid@co.washington.mn.us]
Sent: Friday, April 08, 2011 1:23 PM
To: Geis, Cindy
Subject: FW: Birchwood

Cindy: Go to the bottom of email string for DOR email to us.

Kevin

From: Bruce Munneke
Sent: Friday, April 08, 2011 8:48 AM
To: Kevin Corbid
Subject: RE: Birchwood

Enjoy .. make sure to get the ag homestead issues worked out today.

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From: Kevin Corbid
Sent: Friday, April 08, 2011 8:38 AM
To: Bruce Munneke
Subject: RE: Birchwood

I am just going to the Property Tax Working Group meeting this morning. DOR always has a bunch of people there.

Kevin

From: Bruce Munneke
Sent: Friday, April 08, 2011 8:36 AM

To: Kevin Corbid
Subject: RE: Birchwood

I would assume this may be the same issue with Grant as well as some of Frank's communities also.

Your meeting is not on your schedule .. Let me know what you find out. I will sit tight for the moment.

Bruce

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From: Kevin Corbid
Sent: Friday, April 08, 2011 8:31 AM
To: Bruce Munneke
Subject: RE: Birchwood

This is interesting, but we better be careful with this. This is not our state law.. so shouldn't John Hagen and the DOR be following up with these cities? I assume this is the same issue with Grant?

I will be at a meeting this morning with folks from DOR so I may get a chance to talk to them.

Kevin

From: Bruce Munneke
Sent: Thursday, April 07, 2011 5:54 PM
To: Kevin Corbid
Subject: Fw: Birchwood

Interesting - see below Tomorrow I will ask Deb about some of the other communities in the county. Maybe we will be county assessed before you know it.

From: Volkert, Deb (MDOR) [mailto:deb.volkert@state.mn.us]
Sent: Thursday, April 07, 2011 04:42 PM
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Subject: Birchwood

Bruce,

Sorry this had completely slipped off my radar so I'm glad you asked about it.

My understanding is that you are wondering whether the city of Birchwood can hire a local assessor. Based on our records, it appears Birchwood City does not have the option of hiring an assessor to perform the assessment in the city. Following is a brief explanation of the history regarding the ability of a city or township to hire a local assessor.

There was a period of time in the early 70's (approximately 1972 – 1975) when a city or a township needed to pass a resolution in order to have a local assessor. If they did not pass the resolution, the county assessor became responsible for assessing the property in that city or township. The law did state, however, up until 1995 that a city or township could pass a resolution and, with the approval of the Commissioner of Revenue, hire a local assessor. The language allowing cities and townships to get approval of the commissioner and pass a resolution at a later date was repealed in 1995. Therefore, as it now stands, any city or township that did not either 1) pass a resolution in the early 70's or 2) get commissioner approval and pass a resolution at a later date (before the law was changed in 1995), can no longer elect to have a local assessor.

Our records indicate that Birchwood City did not pass a resolution in the early 70's and, to our knowledge, never received approval at a later date to hire a local assessor. Therefore, unless Birchwood City can show that approval was received from the Department of Revenue to hire a local assessor prior to 1995, the city does not have the authority to hire an assessor.

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